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A Message from Sherry Mehl, BAR Chief



Have you seen BAR's new public service announcements featuring black balloons? The black balloons represent air pollution that endangers the health of all Californians, especially

our children. In California, vehicle emissions are the main contributor to our air pollution. The **Drive Healthy.com** consumer education campaign reminds Californians that keeping vehicles properly maintained will reduce these harmful emissions. Examples of the campaign are incorporated throughout the newsletter.

The importance of having an emissions friendly vehicle cannot be overstated. Traditionally, the responsibility for lowering car emissions has been placed on automakers, not consumers. Through the use of radio and television ads, billboards, bus shelters

and direct mailings, BAR's new outreach campaign is helping consumers throughout the state understand that properly maintained vehicles use less fuel, and that less fuel consumption results in fewer emissions and cleaner air.

California has more cars than any state, the dirtiest air of any state, and, not surprisingly, the most prevalent chronic disease for California's children is asthma. Air pollution can also lead to a wide range of other health problems, like heart disease, bronchitis, and respiratory infections.

Studies show that children are especially sensitive to smog's harmful effects. Younger children exposed to increased levels of air pollution have lungs that don't work as well as they should and perform poorly on respiratory tests. Studies have also confirmed that when these children grow up, their lungs are underdeveloped and less likely to recover.

Gasoline– and diesel-fueled vehicles are a significant contributor to dirty air. Maintenance is key to improving air quality. Consumers need to understand that a poorly maintained or malfunctioning vehicle can release as much as 10 times the emissions of a well–maintained one. Older or poorly maintained vehicles contribute to the million pounds of pollutants pumped by cars into California's air every day.

The Smog Check Program helps keep cars running cleaner and keeps tons of harmful pollutants out of our air every day, but there is still a lot of work to do.

Automobile manufacturers and government agencies can't do it all. Consumers need to assume greater responsibility for maintaining vehicles. The **DriveHealthy.com** education campaign is an important step in that effort.

I look forward to hearing your thoughts about this educational effort.

Sherry Mehl, BAR Chief

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A Message from the California Air Resources Board

Aftermarket Catalytic Converter Requirements

Changes recently approved by the California Air Resources Board (ARB) will improve converter performance requirements and limit the types of replacement converters that will be available for California vehicles. These changes will affect businesses that distribute, sell, and install converters in California once the regulations are formally adopted by the Office of Administrative Law.

Overview of New Requirements

New Aftermarket Catalytic Converters

Beginning January 1, 2009, new aftermarket catalytic converters sold or installed in California must be designed to meet the following requirements:

- Emissions Performance.
 - Converters must be able to bring vehicle emissions below standards for five years/50,000 miles.
- On-Board Diagnostic II (OBD) compatibility.
 - Aftermarket converters for newer vehicles must be compatible with OBD II catalyst monitors. This includes making sure converters won't cause false catalyst fault codes, while also making sure that the OBD II system will correctly set a catalyst fault code if the aftermarket converter fails.
- Warranty.
 - The warranty must be for five years/50,000 miles and cover the cost of parts and labor if a replacement is needed.

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Aftermarket Catalytic Converter Requirements continued from cover

Aftermarket converters designed for use on pre-OBD II vehicles will also change under the new requirements. They too will have improved conversion efficiencies, similar to the OBD II compatible converters, and perform much closer to the original equipment (OE) converter performance levels. Because they do not have to be designed to be compatible with OBD II catalyst monitors, pre-OBD II aftermarket converters are expected to have greater vehicle model coverage (that is, one converter will be legal for a greater number of vehicle models).

USED ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT CATALYTIC CONVERTERS

Currently, companies that legally offer OE catalytic converters for sale in California must first test each converter using an ARB-approved procedure to measure the remaining level of performance. Used OE converters that have not

successfully passed such testing conducted by an ARB-approved company are not legal for use in California, even under existing rules.

The new rules adopted by the ARB will end the availability of certified used OE converters for California-registered vehicles. The ARB took this action because practical test methods do not exist to easily test used OE converters for the levels of performance that most newer technology vehicles need to meet emission standards. Without this testing capability, the minimum efficiency requirements for used converters cannot be set at a level that would ensure proper emission performance from repaired vehicles. The ARB's changes for used converters will become effective in July 2008, pending formal approval of the regulation. No used converter can be legally advertised for sale, sold, or installed in California after the rule becomes effective.

Important Information for Retailers and Installers

Determining the proper replacement converter for a particular vehicle takes a little research. Converter manufacturer catalogs will specifically indicate which converter models (or series) are approved for use in California and which exact vehicle models they are approved for. Converters that are described as

Installer's Checklist for New Aftermarket Catalytic Converters

- The vehicle is specifically included in the application list for the catalytic converter and the converter is approved for use in California.
- The vehicle's warranty for the OE converter has expired. Warranties range from 7 years/70,000 miles to 15 years/150,000 miles. Consult the owner's manual.
- I have confirmed the need for a replacement catalytic converter. If a converter is still installed, a diagnosis that it is malfunctioning is required.
- The replacement converter will be installed in the same location as the OE converter (the front face location will be within three inches compared to the OE).
- 5 All oxygen sensors will remain installed in their OE location(s).
- The catalytic converter will be installed on a "one-for-one" basis (a new converter is installed for each OE converter being replaced). Decreasing or increasing the number of catalytic converters (compared to the OE configuration) is prohibited.

Warranty Card - I have:

- (a) filled out the warranty card
- (b) obtained the customer's signature on the card
- (c) attached the card to the original repair invoice
- (d) returned a copy of the warranty card to the catalytic converter manufacturer
- I have filed and will maintain a copy of all documentation for a period of at least four years from the date of installation.

approved for use on OBD II vehicles are not always legal for use in California, so it is important to read the catalog carefully to ensure that the approval includes California.

Each replacement converter itself is also labeled with important information. More information on converter labels can be found on ARB's Web site: www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/aftermktcat/aftermktcat.htm.

In addition to selecting the appropriate approved converter, there are a few other requirements that installers need to comply with. The checklist to the left outlines the entire process for a legal aftermarket converter installation.

QUESTIONS AND **A**NSWERS

What types of catalytic converters are currently legal for use on California vehicles, and what changes will occur once the new rules take effect?

The table at the end of this section summarizes the types of catalysts that can currently be used, and what options will be available once the regulatory changes take effect.

How can I tell if a California-legal new aftermarket catalytic converter is available for a customer's vehicle?

You can access a listing of approved aftermarket catalytic converters at the ARB's Web site: http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/aftermkt/devices/amquery.php. Aftermarket catalytic converters sold after January 1, 2009, will also have the ARB Executive Order number permanently labeled on the converter shell.

Before installation, you should consult the converter manufacturer's application catalog to verify the converter model is designed to fit your specific vehicle application and that it is specifically approved for use in California. Statements such as "approved for use on OBD II vehicles" do not necessarily mean that the approval is valid for California. If you still have questions, you may contact the ARB at 800.242.4450.

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Are certified used OE converters rebuilt with new or refurbished parts?

No, used OE converters are simply tested for their remaining level of performance. Those that pass testing conducted by an ARB authorized business may be currently offered for resale in California. Cosmetic refurbishing, such as polishing of the converter's shell, or replacement of end

pipes or flanges is legal. As discussed above, the sale or installation of used catalytic converters will end on July 2008.

More Information

For more information, please visit http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/aftermktcat/aftermktcat.htm or call the ARB at 800.242.4450.

Catalytic Converter Type	Currently Legal for Use in California?	Legal for Use Once New Rules Take Effect?
New original equipment (OE) converters	Yes	Yes
New aftermarket converters	Yes, if the converter model has been approved by ARB	Yes. Converter models sold or installed on or after January 1, 2009 must be exempted under ARB's new procedures
Certified used OE converters	Yes, if the converter has been tested and approved for resale by an ARB authorized business	No. Used converters may not be sold for use or installed on a California vehicle on or after July 1, 2008
Used aftermarket converters or uncertified used OE converters	No	No

BAR Registration and License Prefixes

In February 2008, BAR converted to a new licensing database. With this came changes in the registration and license alpha prefixes. Your license number will remain the same. The new alpha prefixes are as follows:

- "ARD" for all Automotive Repair Dealer registrations
- "RC" for Test and Repair Smog Check stations
- "TC" for Test-Only Smog Check stations
- "LS" for Lamp stations
- "BS" for Brake stations

Pursuant to this change, shops should reflect the proper registration prefix on all invoices.

Your registration/license will not reflect the new prefix until your next renewal cycle. Once you renew, BAR will mail you a new registration/license with the new prefix.

DCA Director Confirmed



The Senate has confirmed the appointment of Carrie Lopez as Director of the California Department of Consumer Affairs.

"It is an honor to serve as Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs," said Lopez. "My mission is to protect California consumers and provide a fair and equitable marketplace for businesses. Those aren't just

aren't words; it's something I take very seriously."

Since her appointment, Lopez has worked tirelessly against unlicensed activity, identity theft, privacy protection, and cyber safety for children. She has also facilitated a series of town hall meetings to assist consumers affected by the home mortgage foreclosure crisis.

Her latest efforts involve the statewide DriveHealthy.com education campaign, which helps educate consumers on how to properly maintain vehicles for the purpose of cleaning up California's air.

Lopez was appointed to the position by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in April 2007. Prior to her appointment, she was the Executive Director of the Coro Foundation, a civic leadership organization based in Los Angeles.

Address/Business Name and Corporate Officer Change Requirements

When address, business name and corporate officer changes occur the Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) requires Automotive Repair Dealers to submit these changes in writing. The following identifies the various changes and the requirements for each:

Address Change

California Code of Regulations (CCR), Section 3303.3 (1) states that each registrant or licensee must have on file at BAR his or her correct mailing and street address.

A registrant or licensee must notify BAR within 14 days of any changes in mailing or street address, giving both the old and new addresses.

If you own an Automotive Repair Dealer (ARD) and are changing the business address, you must submit, in writing, the old and new address to BAR.

If you own a Smog Check station, you must also submit in writing to BAR

the old and new address. The station owner will be contacted by a BAR representative for a re-inspection of the facility.

BUSINESS NAME CHANGE

If you are changing the name of your business, you must submit in writing to BAR the new business name. However, if your business is a corporation and you are changing the corporation name and the corporate number has changed, you must submit a new ARD application. If only the corporation name has changed, submit in writing the new name of the corporation to BAR.

CORPORATE OFFICER CHANGE

If your business is a corporation and you are simply changing an officer of the corporation, you must submit in writing to BAR the new officer name.

If you have any questions about these requirements, please contact BAR's Licensing Unit at 916.255.3145.

A Message from the Department of Motor Vehicles

Helping Customers with the Vehicle Registration Renewal Process

The vehicle registration renewal process can be confusing for consumers, particularly when a Smog Check is required. The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) wishes to remind Smog Check technicians to advise their customers to carefully follow vehicle registration renewal instructions. This is important, since DMV cannot match a smog certification with a registration renewal without action by the consumer.

When consumers pay their registration renewal fees online or by mail, their subsequent Smog Check certification should automatically update the DMV record. DMV will then mail them the renewed registration and sticker.

However, when consumers pay their renewal fees at a DMV field office (or through a third party registration service, such as an auto club), the consumer must let the DMV know that they obtained a Smog Check certification.

Otherwise, DMV will not process the registration renewal. Failure to notify DMV could result in the consumer being cited for operating the vehicle without a current registration. If the consumer fails to notify DMV within 90 days, the certification will expire, and they will need to get a new one.

In all cases, be sure to advise your customer to carefully follow all instructions from DMV. If the customer has questions or has lost the DMV paperwork, they can call the DMV Telephone Service Center at 800.777.0133.



Get on the BAR Mailing List

The Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) maintains several mailing lists of interested parties who have asked to receive information such as notices, bulletins, newsletters, workshop flyers, and other items related to BAR operations.

Under Government Code section 11346.4, BAR is required to establish the Regulatory Actions Notice Interested Parties mailing list. In accordance with Government Code section 14911, BAR is also required to correct, verify, and update this list annually. The list is primarily used to mail regulation hearing notices, regulation workshop invitations, informational meeting invitations, and other miscellaneous information.

The Regulatory Actions Notice list is **not** used for mailing the *Auto Repair & Smog Check News*. Requests to be added to the newsletter mailing list are often confused with the Regulatory Actions Notice list. To help BAR staff direct mailing list requests to the correct location, we have provided a form for you to fill out. If you are a licensed Smog Check technician or a registered Automotive Repair Dealer (ARD), you are automatically placed on the list that is used to mail the newsletter and other official notices. As a result, you should already be receiving the newsletter.

Here's how to choose the mailing list that provides the information in which

you're most interested. First, choose whether you wish to be placed on the newsletter or the regulation mailing list. You may select both, if you want to receive both.

If you elect to be placed on the Regulatory mailing list, you may further refine the information you want to receive by selecting from any of the sub-categories listed below. For example, if you select "General" you will receive information, invitations, and notices from all categories, but if you select "Smog Check" you will only receive information, invitations, and notices related to the Smog Check Program.

If you are not already on these mailing lists and wish to be added, sign up by completing the form below and faxing it to 916.255.1369, or complete, detach, and mail it to: Bureau of Automotive Repair, Attn: Mailing Lists, 10240 Systems Parkway, Sacramento, CA 95827.

If you are already on any of BAR's mailing lists and want to remain on those lists, you do not need to take any action. As required by Government Code 14911, an annual update notification will be mailed to you during January or February of each year to confirm that you wish to remain on the Regulatory Notice mailing list. BAR is planning on updating the newsletter mailing list in the near future.

Please select one or more of the following subjects. If no subject is selected, "General" will be used. Please complete, detach and return.				
☐ Auto Repair & Smog Cl	heck News Regulatory A	Actions Notices nate the subjects you're interested in below)		
☐ General (includes all auto repair)	☐ Automotive Repair (includes all Smog Check)	☐ Smog Check (includes all subjects)		
☐ Auto Body Repair	□ Lamp/Brake Station	□ Lamp/Brake Technician		
☐ Smog Station	☐ Smog Technician	☐ Educational Institution/Instructor		
☐ Equipment Manufacturer	☐ Consumer Assistance Program	☐ Automatic Transmissions		
☐ Automotive Air Conditioning	☐ Automotive Air Conditioning ☐ Other (Please specify):			
Name:				
Title:				
Company/Organization:				
Address:				
City:	State:	Zip Code:		
Phone #: ()	FAX #: ()	E-Mail:		

New BAR Smog Technician Update Training Course Coming

A new Smog Check technician update training course is scheduled to begin this fall. The emphasis of this new course will be emissions failure diagnostic procedures, along with a review of new automotive technology that can affect emission failures.

If your Smog Check technician license expires on or after January 31, 2009, you will need to complete this course to renew your license.

Course Description

The 2009 Update Training Course will include lectures, homework assignments, laboratory examinations, and a written final examination. Materials (including a study guide or outline) will be provided to the student by the school prior to the start of the first class. There will be no textbook required for this course. Homework assignments will include reading two magazine articles and completing an Internet assignment.

The course will be a minimum of 16 hours in length, and will include the following subject areas:

- Advanced electrical/electronic systems diagnostic and repair procedures:
 - 1. Electronic Throttle Control Systems (reading assignment prior to class);

- 2. Controller Area Networking CAN (reading assignment prior to class); and
- 3. Application of diagnostic strategies to identify emissions failures.
- The Internet as a source to obtain automotive diagnostic and repair information
- BAR Updates

To pass the 2009 Update course the student must:

- Attend all course hours.
- Complete all homework assignments.
- Pass all laboratory examinations.
- Score 70 percent or better on the final written examination.

Technicians should contact schools early to secure the reading material and review course material prior to the first session. To locate a school, visit BAR's Web site: www.smogcheck.ca.gov.

We Get Questions on.... Low Pressure Fuel Evaporative Test

Last December, the Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) successfully rolled out the Low Pressure Fuel Evaporative Test (LPFET). Since then, BAR has received the following questions pertaining to this new test.

How should a vehicle equipped with more than one canister be tested?

Generally, technicians can expect fuel tanks with a 50 gallon capacity or larger to have more than one canister. If the canisters are inaccessible, but the vapor lines can be reached, then the test can be performed. Make sure all canister fuel vapor lines are sealed simultaneously prior to the test.

Does the LPFET test unit need to be connected to the phone line at all times?

No, the LPFET test unit is equipped with an internal or external modem to accommodate communications with a database, referred to as the Data Depot. The phone line only needs to be connected when you are transmitting information to the database. The LPFET unit will prompt you when to transmit the data.

Why does the LPFET unit sometimes take longer to transmit data to the Data Depot?

Generally, the transmission of data only take a few minutes. However, it may take up to 15 minutes depending upon the quality of your phone line. Do not prematurely disconnect the unit during the data transmission.

Why does the LPFET unit seem to lock me out after the unit is not used for a few days?

The LPFET unit requires connection to the Data Depot at regular time periods (currently seven days). If this time frame has passed, it will still require a connection to the Data Depot before you can test, even if the unit has not been used.

Consumer Assistance Program Improvements

The Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) instituted several improvements designed to enhance consumer convenience and Gold Shield station operations as it relates to the Consumer Assistance Program (CAP).

"These changes are part of our ongoing efforts to allow stations to better serve their customers," said CAP Manager Tonya Blood. "Our goal is to find new ways to encourage consumers to participate in CAP and to make the whole process easier for everyone. I look forward to working with stations to identify other opportunities to improve CAP processes."

These changes include:

VEHICLE REPAIRS

This past March, Gold Shield stations were given additional authority over the repair of CAP-approved vehicles. Stations can now:

1. Determine the most appropriate course of action in diagnosing and performing emissions-related repairs to CAP vehicles.

2. Perform repairs outside of normal business hours and on weekends. Specifically, Gold Shield station repair notifications no longer require prior approval by CAP in order for repairs to proceed.

HELP DESK

CAP has established a "Help Desk" which Gold Shield stations may call with questions regarding the CAP Operations Manual, technical repair strategies, and technical resource availability. This service is provided Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 4:50 pm and can be reached by calling 866.272.9642 or 916.255.0719.

APPLICATION PROCESSING

Last year, CAP expanded its services to applicants by allowing them to drop off their applications at BAR's Sacramento office. CAP staff then processes them while they wait. This on-the-spot processing has been very well received. This service is also provided by BAR's Fresno, Bakersfield, Oceanside, South El Monte, and Riverside field offices. BAR plans to add this service at field offices statewide soon.

Visible Smoke Test Update

This past March, the Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) implemented procedures for the inspection of vehicles for visible smoke during a Smog Check inspection. All Smog Check stations should have received written instructions and a DVD containing the Visible Smoke Inspection Training Video, and technicians should be actively inspecting vehicles for visible smoke.

Technicians must perform this test on all vehicles. This includes 1976 to present passenger cars; light, medium, and heavy duty trucks; and motor homes powered by gasoline, and Compressed Natural Gas (CNG), Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG), and Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) vehicles.

Technicians must perform the visible smoke test with the engine idling. This procedure simply requires the technician to look for smoke from the vehicle's tailpipe, the crankcase system, and PCV system, without disconnecting any components. The technician must look for visible smoke from the exhaust after the end of the emissions test.

Remember, the definition of "smoke" is any visible smoke, with the exception of water vapor. If there is smoke caused by oil leaking onto an exhaust

manifold, the vehicle does not fail the smoke test, but it is advisable to inform the vehicle owner of the condition.

If the vehicle passes the smoke test, enter "PASS" under "Other Emission Related Components".

If the vehicle fails the smoke test:

- Enter "FAIL" under "Other Emission Related Components" in the EIS;
- Document the failure by writing or stamping on both copies of the VIR "Failed for visible smoke" or "Failed visible smoke test;" and
- Provide the customer with a copy of BAR'S Visible Smoke Test Failure Consumer Information Sheet, with the applicable items completed on the checklists.

Remember, customers whose vehicles fail for excessive smoke may be eligible to participate in the Consumer Assistance Program.





Millions of balloons = tons of pollution.

Imagine your vehicle releasing 30 balloons a day. Now imagine 30 million vehicles doing the same thing. That's a lot of air pollution. You can help reduce harmful vehicle emissions. Properly maintain your vehicle.

Learn more about proper vehicle maintenance at

Drive**Healthy.com**





CAP Facts

A statistical look at the Consumer Assistance Program (CAP)*

January through March 2008				
Vehicles Retired	4,863			
Vehicles Repaired	10,811			
Emission Reduced (tons) HC per day	256.3			
Emissions Reduced (tons) NO _x per day	88.0			
Emissions Reduced (tons) CO per day	2,424.5			
Dollars Disbursed – Retirement	\$4,932,383			
Dollars Disbursed - Repairs	\$3,940,109			
TOTAL Disbursed	\$8,872,492			

^{*} This analysis considers a vehicle repaired or retired upon BAR approval of a station or dismantler invoice for payment, rather than the actual date the vehicle is repaired or retired.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

BAR Advisory Group Meeting

July 9, 2008

Contractors State License Board Headquarters 9821 Business Park Drive, 1st Floor Auditorium

Sacramento, CA 95827

BAR Advisory Group Meeting

October 9, 2008

Southern California (specific location yet to be determined)

Snapshot

SMOG CHECK TECHNICIAN TEST RESULTS JANUARY THROUGH MARCH 2008

JANUARY THROUGH IVIARCH 2006				
	# Tested	# Pass	% Pass	
Advanced Emis	sion Technicia	an EA		
Total	416	179	43	
Basic Area Tech	nnician EB			
Total	15	11	73	
Brake Adjuster Class "A"				
Total	30	22	73	
Brake Adjuster Class "B"				
Total	3	0	0	
Brake Adjuster Class "C"				
Total	90	70	77	
Lamp Adjuster Class "A"				
Total	112	71	63	

Disciplinary ActionsSouthern Region

October

BAY AUTO SERVICE, Wilmington

James H. Kwon, Owner Order: ARD Registration is permanently invalidated. Official Smog Check Station license is terminated by operation of law, pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 16, section 3340.10, subdivision (c). Official Lamp Station License and Official Brake Station License are revoked. (10/2/07)

James K. Kwon, Brake and Lamp Adjuster Order: Brake Adjuster License and Lamp Adjuster License are revoked. (10/2/07)

COLLISION EXPERTS, South Gate

Marla Jimenez, Owner Order: ARD Registration is permanently invalidated. (10/2/07)

INLAND CENTER AUTO BODY, San Bernardino

Louie M. Avilez Jr., Owner Order: ARD Registration is permanently invalidated. Reimburse BAR for investigating and prosecuting the case in the amount of \$13,918.00. (10/11/07)

November

EXCLUSIVE AUTOMOTIVE & MACHINE SHOP, Banning

Maria Ayala, Owner Order: ARD Registration is permanently invalidated. (11/1/07)

MERCEDES BENZ COLLISION & SERVICE, Lancaster

Slavica Ilic, Owner

Order: ARD Registration is issued and permanently invalidated. The permanent invalidation will be stayed, and placed on probation for three (3) years subject to the following terms and conditions: comply with all laws and regulations, report to BAR on prescribed schedule, report any financial interest in any other repair facility. (11/19/07)

December

BAIRS KEYSTONE BODY SHOP INC, Santa Monica

Michael Smilove, President
Order: ARD Registration permanently
invalidated, stayed, suspended for ten (10)
days and placed on probation for five (5) years
subject to the following terms and conditions:
comply with all laws and regulations, report
to BAR on prescribed schedule, report any
financial interest in any other repair facility, and
reimburse BAR for the costs of investigating
and prosecuting the case in the amount of
\$49,566.15. (12/10/07)

BEVERLY HILLS AUTO BODY GROUP INC, Beverly Hills

Morteza Ghafouri, President Order: ARD Registration is permanently invalidated. However, said permanent invalidation is stayed and placed on probation for five (5) years subject to the following terms and conditions: comply with all laws and regulations, report to BAR on prescribed schedule, report any financial interest in any other repair facility, and reimburse BAR for the costs of investigating and prosecuting the case in the amount of \$66, 000.00. (12/3/07)

MCKENZIE AUTO REPAIR, Escondido

Toan Huy Nguyen, Owner Order: ARD Registration is permanently invalidated. (12/3/07)

PAULEE BODY SHOP (AG AUTOBODY INC), Los Angeles

Alex Ghafouri, President Order: ARD Registration is denied. However, said denial is stayed and respondent is issued a probationary license for a period of three years subject to the following terms and conditions: comply with all laws and regulations, report to BAR on prescribed schedule, report any financial interest in any other repair facility. (12/3/07)

SAN MARCOS AUTO SERVICE, San Marcos

Toan Huy Nguyen, Owner Order: ARD Registration is permanently invalidated. (12/3/07)

TRANS TECH TRANSMISSION, Thousand Oaks

Gregory James Vlachos, Owner Order: ARD Registration is permanently invalidated. (12/3/07)

Disciplinary Actions

Northern Region

October

No Disciplinary Actions in Northern California for October 2007.

November

LAFAYETTE GERMAN CAR REPAIR, (LAYFAYETTE GERMAN REPAIR, INC) Lafayette

Juan A. Lara, President
Order: ARD Registration permanently
invalidated, stayed, and placed on probation for
two years subject to the following terms and
conditions: comply with all laws and regulations,
report to BAR on prescribed schedule, report
any financial interest in any other repair facility,
and reimburse BAR for the costs of investigating
and prosecuting the case in the amount of \$5,
595.26. (11/5/07)

December

PARKS AUTOMOTIVE, Morro Bay

Robert Lee Parks, Partner

Denise Dianne Parks, Partner
Order: ARD Registration and Smog Check
Station Licenses are revoked, stayed, suspended
for fifteen (15) days and placed on probation for
five (5) years subject to the following terms and
conditions: comply with all laws and regulations,
report to BAR on prescribed schedule, report
any financial interest in any other repair facility,
and reimburse BAR for the costs of investigating
and prosecuting the case in the amount of
\$8, 391.28. Pay restitution in the amount of
\$2,004.68. (12/3/07)

Smog Check Citations January–March 2008

Name	Address	City	ZIP	Level	ARD No.	Amount
ALL SMOG TEST ONLY CENTER	521 EAST LOS ANGELES AVE	SIMI VALLEY	93065	3	AD 239246	\$2,000
SMOG DIAGNOSTIC	1449 SACRAMENTO AVE	WEST SACRAMENTO	95605	3	AM 231307	\$2,000
MANTECA TEST ONLY	2072 B W YOSEMITE AVE	MANTECA	95337	3	AK 242089	\$2,000
JACKS SERVICE	4 W RIDGE RD	SUTTER CREEK	95685	1	AE 153862	\$500
PALO ALTO SMOG TEST	1917 OLD MIDDLEFIELD	MOUNTAIN VIEW	94043	1	AD 233039	\$500
ARCO-SMOG PROS	600 MOORPARK RD	THOUSAND OAKS	91360	3	AL 175451	\$2,000
CAMARILLO CAR WASH & QUICK LUBE	4007 ADOLFO RD	CAMARILLO	93012	1	AM 225449	\$500
BROADWAY SMOG	3510 S BROADWAY	LOS ANGELES	90007	1	AF 184462	\$500
UNIVERSAL SMOG STATION & TEST ONLY	8429 SEPULVEDA BLVD	NORTH HILL	91343	1	AC 251187	\$500
EL TORO SMOG STATION II	101 N 8TH ST	EL CENTRO	92243	1	AC 249210	\$500
FIGUEROAS AUTO SHOP	701 W MAIN ST	EL CENTRO	92243	2	AA 214730	\$1,000
EL TORO SMOG STATION	110 WEST 7TH ST	CALEXICO	92231	1	AB 237922	\$1,000
GAFFEY SMOG CENTER AND AUTO	711 BATTERY ST	SAN PEDRO	90731	1	AJ 223784	\$1,000
UNIVERSITY 76	18050 NORDHOFF ST	NORTHRIDGE	91325	1	AC 247020	\$500
WHITNEYS AUTO & RV CARE CENTER	920 CHAMBERS LANE	SIMI VALLEY	93065	1	AE 239589	\$500
ALL SMOG TEST ONLY CENTER	2601 OCEANSIDE BLVD	OCEANSIDE	92054	3	AJ 229816	\$2,000
VIRGIN TEST ONLY	6800 S AVALON BLVD	LOS ANGELES	90003	1	AC 251573	\$500
MAPLE AUTO CENTER	1745 S MAPLE AVE	LOS ANGELES	90015	1	AD 153370	\$1,000
SMOG TEST ONLY DISCOUNT CENTER	19116 WALNUT DR	ROWLAND HEIGHTS	91748	2	AD 233170	\$1,000
CAMPBELLS SERVICE CENTER	115 S HWY 49	JACKSON	95642	2	AC 220762	\$1,000
AAAAA SMOG CENTER INC	2134 MARKET ST	CONCORD	94520	1	AK 230407	\$500
YUS MPG	1000 S SANTA ANITA AVE	ARCADIA	91006	3	AJ 149243	\$2,000
CHANG SMOG	2400 W ROSECRANS AVE	GARDENA	90249	1	AL 175333	\$1,000
E P SMOG TEST ONLY STATION	555 S ESCONDIDO BLVD	ESCONDIDO	92025	1	AC 245740	\$500
SUNRISE 76 AUTO CARE	696 BLOSSOM HILL RD	SAN JOSE	95123	1	AC 245741	\$500
LEMON GROVE SMOG TEST ONLY	8068 BROADWAY	LEMON GROVE	91945	2	AB 232213	\$1,000
K T SMOG CHECK	3520 PEARL AVE #D	SAN JOSE	95136	1	AC 250705	\$500
CAR LAND	6710 ALHAMBRA AVE	MARTINEZ	94553	1	AB 226464	\$500
MAGANA SMOG AND AUTO REPAIR	6300 BRENTWOOD BLVD	BRENTWOOD	94513	1	AB 237853	\$500
TORRANCE SMOG TEST ONLY	21727 S WESTERN AVE	TORRANCE	90501	1	AJ 235689	\$500
SMOG EXPRESS TEST ONLY CENTER	14036 GOLDEN WEST ST	WESTMINSTER	92683	1	AC 243865	\$500
VALERO OF SARATOGA	601 SARATOGA AVE	SAN JOSE	95129	2	AA 203318	\$1,000
BALSWICK QUICK SMOG	379 N GOLDEN STATE BLVD	TURLOCK	95380	1	AC 243971	\$500
BEST SMOG	10578 MAGNOLIA AVE	ANAHEIM	92804	2	AM 219266	\$1,000
SMOG DOC	15081 MORAN ST #J	WESTMINSTER	92683	1	AJ 241551	\$500
AIR QUALITY SMOG INC	3851 NORTH MISSION RD	LOS ANGELES	90031	1	AH 223520	\$500
PETERS BEACON	108 BELLAM BLVD	SAN RAFAEL	94901	2	AE 239740	\$1,000
HAPPY SMOG CHECK	7896 MONTEREY HWY #B	GILROY	95020	1	AG 234553	\$500
LARY SMOG	2756 SCOTT BLVD UNIT	SANTA CLARA	95050	1	AC 244974	\$500
JACKS SERVICE	4 W RIDGE RD	SUTTER CREEK	95685	2	AE 153862	\$1,000
EZ SMOG CHECK	2231 EL CAMINO REAL	SAN CLEMENTE	92672	2	AH 217728	\$1,000
NELSONS AUTO REPAIR	15106 S WESTERN #5	GARDENA	90249	1	ARD224151	\$500
BEACH SMOG	900 AVIATION BLVD #B	HERMOSA BEACH	90254	1	ARD210667	\$1,000
SYS AUTO REPAIR	7201 W BEVERLY BLVD	LOS ANGELES	90036	1	ARD214587	\$1,000
QUALITY AUTOMOTIVE & SMOG	11357A DEERFIELD DR	TRUCKEE	96161	3	ARD240049	\$2,000
FAIRCO SMOG	2446 LINCOLN BLVD	VENICE	90291	2	ARD247513	\$1,000
MOTORING PERFORMANCE	1433 MAZDA DR	WALNUT CREEK	94597	1	ARD232974	\$500
XSMOG	4645 UNIVERSITY AVE	SAN DIEGO	92105	2	ARD225965	\$1,000
QUIK SMOG	7515 REDWOOD BLVD #B	NOVATO	94945	2	ARD241650	\$1,000

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TAM JUNCTION SMOG	251 SHORELINE HWY	MILL VALLEY	94941	1	ARD243240	\$500
GLENDORA TEST ONLY & SMOG	857 E ARROW HWY	GLENDORA	91740	3	ARD247613	\$2,000
G V SMOG	11641 EAST MAIN ST	GRASS VALLEY	95945	1	ARD251208	\$500
SKYWAY AUTO TUNE	758 FIR ST	PARADISE	95969	2	ARD243375	\$1,000
SMOG BUSTERS	549 PEARSON RD	PARADISE	95969	2	ARD169816	\$1,000
JUAN AUTO CARE	1995 BELLOMY ST	SANTA CLARA	95050	2	ARD185572	\$1,000
PONCES SMOG CHECK	11000 S FIGUEROA ST	LOS ANGELES	90061	2	ARD240046	\$1,000
PARADISE SMOG TEST ONLY	9301 BEVERLY RD	PICO RIVERA	90660	2	ARD247510	\$1,000
LOS GATOS SMOG	255 LOS GATOS SARATOGA AVE	LOS GATOS	95030	2	ARD249190	\$1,000
SMOG TEST CENTER	3302 DEL MAR AVE	ROSEMEAD	91770	1	ARD217127	\$500
ARCO SMOG PROS #1637	1000 N STATE COLLEGE	ANAHEIM	92806	3	ARD200012	\$2,000
KINNEYS AUTOTUNE	3612 ORO DAM BLVD	OROVILLE	95966	1	ARD224458	\$500
SMOG PROS	3949 DENNISON AVE	LOS ANGELES	90023	2	ARD108137	\$1,000
CORNING AUTO CENTER	1820 SOLANO ST	CORNING	96021	2	ARD153871	\$1,000
DANNYS SMOG CHECK	22029 S FIGUEROA #D	CARSON	90745	1	ARD240045	\$500
RANDYS AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE	1812 WHITMORE AVE	CERES	95307	1	ARD218291	\$1,000
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ANZA MOBIL SERVICE	20306 ANZA AVE	TORRANCE	90503	1	ARD060490	\$500
WESTERN AUTO INSPECTION	3534 S WESTERN AVE	LOS ANGELES	90018	3	ARD142037	\$2,000
CONVOY SMOG	3727 CONVOY ST	SAN DIEGO	92111	2	ARD226435	\$1,000
SOUTH CAL SMOG	4645 RUFFNER ST	SAN DIEGO	92111	3	ARD203710	\$2,000
QUALITY TUNE UP SHOP #23	92 SERRA WAY	MILPITAS	95035	2	ARD132954	\$1,000
99 SMOG AND TUNE UP	1364 A HIGHWAY 99 EAST	GRIDLEY	95948	1	ARD238031	\$500
BALDWIN PARK TEST ONLY CENTER	12793 E GARVEY BLVD	BALDWIN PARK	91706	2	ARD206093	\$1,000
A+ SMOG CHECK	233 W EVELYN AVE	MOUNTAIN VIEW	94041	3	ARD242846	\$2,000
CALIFORNIA SMOG ONLY	443 SO WILSON WAY	STOCKTON	95205	1	ARD252545	\$500
J & L SMOG TEST ONLY CENTER	4202 W EL SEGUNDO BLVD	HAWTHORNE	90250	1	ARD249094	\$500
CAMARILLO CAR WASH & QUICK LUBE	4007 ADOLFO RD	CAMARILLO	93012	2	ARD225449	\$1,000
QUICK SMOG	27266 CAMP PLENTY RD	CANYON COUNTY	91351	2	ARD244914	\$1,000
AN HONEST SMOG	2270 MONTGOMERY ST	OROVILLE	95965	1	ARD228271	\$500
AXS SMOG TEST ONLY	401 S ATLANTIC BLVD	LOS ANGELES	90022	2	ARD247432	\$1,000
BEVERLY SMOG	4977 HOLLYWOOD BLVD	LOS ANGELES	90027	1	ARD202803	\$500
REDWOOD AUTO SMOG TEST	2005 REDWOOD RD	NAPA	94558	1	ARD239204	\$500
SPEEDEE OIL CHANGE & TUNE	7377 BRENTWOOD BLVD	BRENTWOOD	94513	1	ARD168035	\$500
SMOG STATION	6355 SCARLET COURT	DUBLIN	94568	1	ARD126139	\$500
DISCOUNT SMOG CHECK CENTER	6055 DOUGHERTY RD	DUBLIN	94568	1	ARD247901	\$500
SMOGS UNLIMITED	2133 WYLIE DRIVE	MODESTO	95355	1	ARD239844	\$500
A A SMOG TEST ONLY	1589 E MISSION BLVD	POMONA	91766	3	ARD239101	\$2,000
UNITED TEST ONLY CENTER	600 N GARFIELD AVE	ALHAMBRA	91801	2	ARD247876	\$1,000
101 EXPRESS SMOG	5320 OLD REDWOOD HWY	PETALUMA	94953	1	ARD252438	\$500
KING SMOG AUTO CENTER	3411 W FLORENCE AVE	LOS ANGELES	90043	1	ARD171712	\$500
GARDENA SMOG TEST ONLY CENTER	1425 ROSECRANS AVE	GARDENA	90249	1	ARD202210	\$500
A 1 STOP SMOG BRENTWOOD	8285 BRENTWOOD BLVD	BRENTWOOD	94513	1	ARD242611	\$500
LORENZOS TEST ONLY	6001 S NORMANDIE AVE	LOS ANGELES	90044	1	ARD212754	\$500
SOQUEL AUTO CARE	2700 SOQUEL AVE	SANTA CRUZ	95062	1	ARD244789	\$500
ECONO SMOG TEST ONLY CENTER	800 HARRISON ST	OAKLAND	94607	1	ARD239622	\$500
SMOG N ALL	6717 AUBURN BLVD	CITRUS HEIGHTS	95621	1	ARD148013	\$500
LAFAYETTE PARKER CPLTE AUTO	829 PARKER ST	SANTA CLARA	95050	2	ARD245795	\$1,000
EDS SMOG SHOP	1241 N PARAISO ST	SAN PEDRO	90731	1	ARD109167	\$500



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